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PROCESSING KILNS

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Sir:

Assignment of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the present application (i.e., U.S. Application Serial No. 10/719,423) by the inventors to co-assignees Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 5, 2004, on reel 014493 at frame 0720; on April 5, 2004, on reel 014493, frame 0678; and on April 21, 2004, on reel 014538, frame 0145. Assignment of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865 by the inventors to co-assignees Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2001, on reel 012509 at frame 0667; on November 5, 2001, on reel 012412, frame 0694; and on January 22, 2002, on reel 012502, frame 0478. Accordingly, the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent Application

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Serial No. 10/719,423 and U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865 are each co-owned by Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company.

The undersigned attorney is an attorney of record for Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company in the present application, and he has reviewed the documents evidencing title as represented above and certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief that title is as represented.

Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company hereby disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/719,423 which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to 156, as is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865.

Cadence Environmental, Inc. and Ash Grove Cement Company hereby acknowledge that any patent so granted on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/719,423 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that legal title to said patent shall be the same as legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865.

The assignees do not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/719,423 that would extend past the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865, in the event that U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that any shortages and other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to file 204560-73806.

Respectfully submitted,

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